

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 9, 11, 13, 14, 17-27, 31, 35-44, 48, 52, and 53 are pending. Claims 19, 24, 25, 31, 36, 41, 42, 48, 52, and 53 have been amended and Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, and 35 have been canceled. Claims 19-27, 31, 36-44, 48, 52, and 53 remain.

The amendments comply with requirements in the Office Action of November 26, 2008 and may be admitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(1).

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Lindh, in view of Dhillon

Claims 1-6, 9-14, 17-23, 35-40, 52, and 53 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over International Application Publication No. WO 03/060766, to Lindh et al. (“Lindh”), in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,560,597, issued to Dhillon et al. (“Dhillon”). Applicant traverses.

Claims 2, 4, 10, and 12 have been previously canceled in the Office Action Responses of January 25, 2008 and September 2, 2008. Further, Claims 1, 3-6, 9, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, and 35 are presently canceled.

Additionally, Claims 19-23 and 36-40 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim. Office Action of November 26, 2008, page 2. Claim 19 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of now-canceled Claim 18. Claim 36 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of now-canceled Claim 35. Independent Claims 52 and 53 have been amended to include the limitations of previously-dependent Claim 36. Accordingly, Claims 19, 36, 52, and 53 are allowable.

Claims 20-23 are dependent upon Claim 19 and are patentable for the above-stated reasons, and as further distinguished by the limitations therein. Claims 37-40 are dependent upon Claim 36 and are patentable for the above-stated reasons, and as further distinguished by the limitations therein. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Lindh and Dhillon, and further in view of Lin

Claims 24-27 and 41-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Lindh and Dhillon as applied to Claims 18 and 35 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,675,159, issued to Lin et al. (“Lin”). Applicant traverses.

5 Adding the teachings of Lin to the teachings of Lindh and Dhillon introduces further functionality. However, as discussed above, Lindh and Dhillon fail to render independent Claims 19 and 36 obvious, and the addition of Lin does no more to support an obviousness rejection of dependent Claims 24-27 and 41-
10 44. Claims 24-27 are dependent upon Claim 19 and are patentable for the reasons stated above, and as further distinguished by the limitations therein. Claims 41-44 are dependent upon Claim 36 and are patentable for the reasons stated above, and as further distinguished by the limitations therein. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Lindh and Dhillon, and further in view of Lin

15 Claims 31 and 48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Lindh and Dhillon, and further in view of Lin.

Claim 31 is dependent upon Claim 19 and is patentable for the reasons stated above, and as further distinguished by the limitations therein. Claim 48 is
20 dependent upon Claim 36 and is patentable for the reasons stated above, and as further distinguished by the limitations therein. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed by the applicant and is considered to be no more pertinent than the prior art references
25 already applied.

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Claims 19-27, 31, 36-44, 48, 52, and 53 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Entry of the foregoing amendments is requested. Reconsideration of the claims, withdrawal of the finality of the Office action, and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. Please contact the undersigned at (206) 381-
5 3900 regarding any questions or concerns associated with the present matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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